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## COTTON YIELD UP, PEANUT AND CORN YIELD DOWN FROM OCTOBER

Based on November 1 conditions, SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2006 expected yields for cotton are up, peanuts and corn are down and soybeans remained unchanged from the previous month, according to the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office.

Expected **COTTON** production as of November 1 increased to 460,000 bales, up 25,000 bales from October and 50,000 bales from last year. Acres for harvest, at 298,000, are up 33,000 from last year. The 2006 yield is expected to average 741 pounds per acre - up 40 pounds from last month but down 2 pounds from 2005.

**CORN** production in 2006 is expected to total 28.1 million bushels, down from the October forecast, and down 5.0 million bushels from last year's production. Expected yield per acre of 104 bushels is down 4 bushels from October and 12 bushels per acre below last year. Acres for harvest, at 270,000, are down 15,000 acres from a year ago.

2006 **SOYBEAN** production is expected to total 10.9 million bushels, unchanged from last month but up 27 percent from 2005. Expected yield, at 28 bushels per acre, is unchanged from the October forecast, but up 7.5 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest, at 390,000, are down 30,000 from 2005.

**PEANUT** production is forecast at 168 million pounds - down 6 percent from last month, and unchanged from last year. The expected yield per acre of 3,000 pounds is down 200 pounds from last month, but up 200 pounds from last year. Acres for harvest, at 56,000, is unchanged from last month but down 4,000 acres from last year.

### UNITED STATE 2006 PRODUCTION AND PERCENT OF 2005

Corn	10.74	Bil. Bu	97 %	Cotton, Upland	20.5	Mil. Bales	88%
Soybeans	3.20	Bil. Bu.	105%	Peanuts	3.37	Bil. Lbs.	69%